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Dated the 11th June 2026

Amenities & Environment Committee: Cllr P Findley, Cllr P Jull, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr S Waite-Gleave, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr M Simpson and Cllr L Ludwig.

Non-Voting Member – Mr M Knott

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of THE AMENITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE to be held at 7pm, Tuesday, 16th June 2026 at: Elizabeth House, St Mary's Road, Walmer.

Roland Aldred

Town Clerk Walmer Town Council

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE AMENITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2026/27.
2. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE AMENITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2026/27.
3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
4. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY
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respect the rights of other people attending under the Data Protection Act 1998. Any person or organisation choosing to film, record or broadcast any meeting of the Council or a committee is responsible for any claims or other liability from them so doing.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Attach 1

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2026.

7. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING.

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Receive any questions from the public.

9. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- i. To receive a copy of the current Highways Improvement Plan. Attach 2
- ii. To receive correspondence from Members of the public on road issues that may be added to the HIP and decide on whether these should be added. Attach 3
- iv. Verbal update on Parking on Kingsdown Road.
- iv. Verbal update on issues caused by flooding on Kingsdown Road.
- vi. Any other additions members wish to bring for discussion (these will need to be investigated between meetings and cannot be agreed to be added until they have been advertised on an agenda).

10. ACCESSIBLE KERB REPORT

To receive verbal update on progress for the amended accessible kerb report.

11. STONY PATH

Attach 4

To receive a report on the defibrillator at Elizabeth house

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24th September.



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MINUTES

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Amenity and Environment Committee held on Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 7pm at Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer.

Present Councillors:

Cllr M Eddy (Chair), Cllr P Findley, Cllr R Blackwell, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr P Jull, Cllr L Ludwig, Cllr M Simpson, Cllr S Waite-Gleave and Cllr P Ludwig.

Non-Voting co-optee present – Mr M Knott.

Officer present: Roland Aldred –Town Clerk

607. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
All members were present.

608. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the terms of various rights to record and transmit the transactions of the meeting under the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

609. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

610. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received the minutes of the committee meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2026.

AGREED- That the minutes are a true record and are approved.

Proposed by Cllr R Blackwell.

Seconded by Cllr P Jull.

For - 8

Against - 0

Abstain – 1

611. REPORTS ON MATTERS FROM LAST MEETING

The Clerk reported that following discussions with KCC regarding painting of the kerb in luminous paint the road is private and therefore they cannot do this or grant permission. Cllr Waite-Gleave is trying to contact the owners to rectify the situation.

Mr Knott reported that the Dover Disability Group had met with DDC in connection to the alarm cords in the Disabled toilets and solution involving a new locking system that will unlock when the alarm cord is pulled, new signage and improved alert systems have been proposed by DDC.

612. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

613. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- i. Members received a copy of the current HIP.

NOTED

- ii. Members received information on requests made to the Council for consideration to add to the HIP.

- a. Members received a written report on public correspondence regarding an issue on Campbell Road where residents feel unsafe when exiting their houses due to there being no kerbed area.

AGREED – that as KCC have already allowed planter to be placed to create a virtual pavement that this not be added to the HIP at this time.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For - 9

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

- iii. Members received a verbal report from the Clerk on the HIP priority items.
- iv. Members received a verbal report from the Clerk on the lighting in the alleyway between Salisbury Road and Church Street. The trees have now been cleared from the lampposts and this has resolved the lighting issue.
- v. Members received a verbal report from the Clerk on the issue of parking on The Strand around the entrance to Admiralty Mews. Following KCC's desk assessment that concluded there were no safety issues at this point, DDC conducted an onsite assessment and concluded that the junction was within the limits for safety.
- vi. New items to be considered at next meeting.
No items were brought forward.
NOTED – Items iii. to vi. Were noted

614. ACCESSIBLE KERB REPORT

Members received a verbal report from the Clerk and Mr Knott on the progress of the updated accessible kerb phase 2 investigation.

615. ELIZABETH HOUSE DEFIBRILLATOR

Members received a written report from the Clerk about the potential removal of the defibrillator at Elizabeth House.

AGREED – To ask the clerk to contact the Church to find out more information about their plans and what if any finance is available from their end regarding replacing the defibrillator.

Proposed – Cllr P Findley

Seconded – Cllr M Simpson

For - 7

Against – 2

Abstain – 0

616. WATER QUALITY

- i. Members received a written report from the Clerk asking members to consider running the next water quality meeting. These meeting include local councils, community stakeholders and Southern Water.

AGREED – To recommend to Full Council that a budget of up to £150 be allocated for a Water Quality meeting in June. To appoint Cllr P Findley to chair the meeting and ask the Clerk to organise said meeting.

Proposed – Cllr S Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr P Findley

For – 9

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

- ii. Member received a verbal report from the Clerk updating them on the latest from the Yellow Fish Campaign. Locations for the yellow fish have been identified, and Southern Water are now working with KCC on relevant permissions.

617. WATER FILING STATION

Members received a written recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group regarding installing a water bottle filling station on the Marine Road toilet facilities. This will help to reduce the usage of single use plastic bottles.

AGREED – To recommend to Full Council option 1 and ask full council to approve the spend and on costs of the project.

Proposed – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded – Cllr P Ludwig

For - 9

Against – 0

Abstain - 0

618. CHEMICAL ADDITIVES WITHIN THE ALLOTMENTS

Members received a written recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group that a leaflet be produced warning of the potential side effects of chemical use and the alternative solutions. Members noted that this should include the negative effects of the use of peat.

AGREED – That the officers put together a leaflet, to be agreed with Cllr Waite-Gleave. This should be available to all online with a number of printed copies placed in the office.

Proposed – Cllr Waite-Gleave

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

For - 8

Against – 1

Abstain - 0

619. STONEY PATH

Members receive a verbal report from the Clerk on the progress of Stoney Path. Members requested an item be brought back at next meeting to discuss Stoney Path. The item will look at future plans for Stoney Path and dates that actions are required.

620. BIODIVERSITY GRANT

Members received a recommendation from the Climate Emergency Working Group for a Bio Diversity Grant to be awarded to Downs Sailing club for use in purchasing water bottles for the NSSA event to reduce single use plastic.

AGREED – To recommend to full Council to approve the Biodiversity Grant.

Proposed by – Cllr D Richardson

Seconded by – Cllr P Jull

For - 9

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

621. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

June 16th 2026.

The meeting was closed at 20.15

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Signature

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Date

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HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN			ACTION PLAN			KCC Priority no
PROJECT NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION	REMEDY	ESTIMATED COST	PROGRESS	Comments
2	Jan-22	Speed Survey ,Dover Road + 20 MPH Zones	As stated	TBA	on going KCC contacted no options provided as way forward	Speedwatch group formed and are collecting data
9	Nov-21	Cycle path to be extended along Wellington Parade	as stated	N/A	Working with DDC to provide the best solution having spoken to KCC and not agreeing a solution	Question as to how this could be done given private road
15	Jun-23	Cycle Routes - Request to join cycle route 1 to the Skylark trail by adding cycle route along Granville Road	as stated	TBA		HIP Priority met with KCC who are reviewing case and funding . Changes required to initial plan. DDC draft plan includes a better version of this to be reviewed once plans completed.
16	Jun-23	Potholes	Repair work - long term road resurfacing	ongoing	ongoing	Continuous office are reporting these to KCC who are filing as required. Pothole blitz on North Barrack Road this month
18	Nov-23	Kingsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle parking restriction	Parking restrictions	N/A	English Heritage looking at weather proofing back up car park to resolve issue	Walmer Castle has plans for additional parking for 2025, contacted KCC highways who are looking at options to rectify this. Picked up With KCC members who are pushing for a solution.
19	Feb-24	Walking Route	WTC to set up a route and get signage	TBA	With M Eddy for route	With Clir Eddy
20	Feb-25	Kingsdown Road - Outside of Walmer Castle Crossing the road change due to blind bend and speed	Additional Signage	TBA	With KCC design	Picked up with DDC and awaiting their walking/cycling plan. Letter written to KCC supporting a 20mph zone. Speed survey taken over week in May 2025 results were within acceptable limits for 30mph zone but not low enough to support a 20mph zone.
21	Feb-25	Upper Walmer Dover Road -speeding	20MPH zone not possible as per KCC, Speeds within acceptable limits as per Kent safety partnership.	N/A	KCC contacted due to current avg speed they would not grant a TRO	Stretch of road has been reviewed recently by KCC. Quote from KCC about scope of improvements "However, this is something that can be placed on Walmer Town Council's Highway Improvement Plan for further discussion but with very little or no scope to widen the footway and there not being sufficient carriageway width to install a pedestrian refuge island, the only possibly feasible form of pedestrian crossing in this vicinity could be a pedestrian dropped kerb, and I am not sure that would be solving the issues being experienced." Members considered in Sept 2025.
22	Jun-25	Upper Walmer Dover Road - Paving	Ask KCC to review	N/A	KCC contacted no options provided as way forward	Members requested advice from KCC who advised it will be DDC to put signage in recommendation was to have additional signage indicating share with care.
23	Sep-25	Promenade outside of Adventure Golf - Cycling signage to warn of crossing	Ask KCC to review	£2,000	With Clerk to contact Susstrans	



New Items to be considered for HIP

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Location	Court Road
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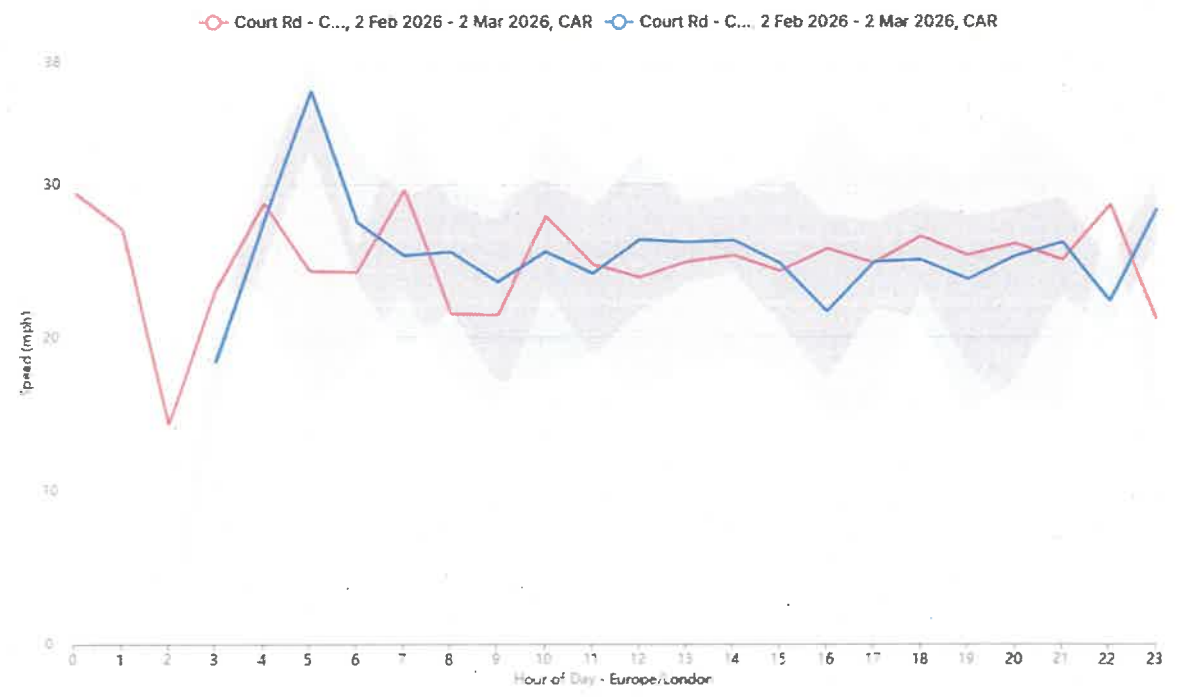
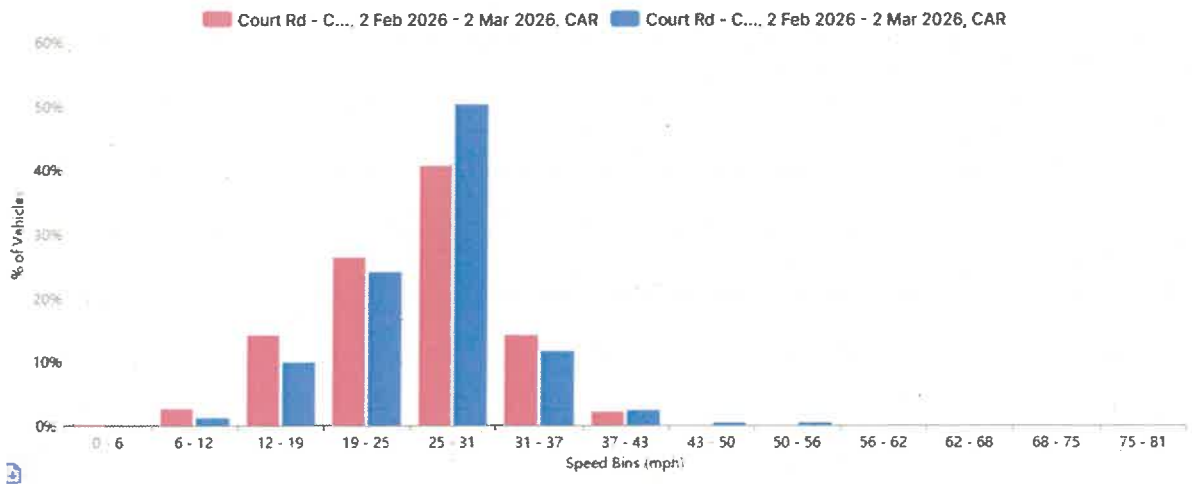
<p>Details of issue</p> <p>Resident contacted WTC to report regular speeding vehicles along Court Road. Resident has had their car hit by a passing car while parked. The issue appears to be in late evening/ early in the night with vehicles speeding around the corner Station Road/Court Road causing tyre squeal.</p> <p>It is a minimal number of cars causing the issue but they appear to pass regularly sometimes multiple times during each night.</p>

<p>Information from KCC or requirements</p> <p>Walmer Speed Watch have conducted 5 exercises on court road for a total of 6 hours in this time they have recorded 2 vehicles from 713 vehicles total travelling over the 35mph speed at which a report is made.</p> <p>SID data is shown below this give an average speed of 26mph down the hill and 25.25 going down the hill with the 85 percentile speed (this is the speed at or below which 85% of the fastest drivers travel under free-flowing conditions on a given stretch of road) of 31.07 and 31.32, neither of these results would be significant enough variance for KCC to act.</p> <p>As the SID data only takes from modern cars with the correct equipment fitted the only real option should members wish to proceed with this enquiry in order to provide information to KCC to act would be to request a speed strip be placed. This would cost £105 per week.</p> <p>As it appears to be anti-social driving responsible it has been reported to the local police.</p>

Take forward to HIP	Yes	No

SID data

Average speed (mph)	Median speed (mph)	15th% speed (mph)	85th% speed (mph)	Standard Deviation (mph)	Avg travel time
26.00	26.41	20.51	31.07	5.69	00:00:30
25.25	25.91	18.89	31.32	6.14	00:00:31





Item: Stony Path
Date: 09/06/26
Meeting: June 2026 Amenities and Environment
From: Roland Aldred

Current position

In 2017 Walmer Town Council applied to the Land Registry to take ownership of the Land known as Stony Path, on the basis that Walmer Town Council had maintained the land since 2005. The Land Registry denied this claim on the basis that it was not clear as to whether the land was formerly a public highway and these rights had been extinguished and secondly that it was probable that the land was formerly owned by the military.

The legal advice we received at the time was to fence in the land and continue to maintain it for a period of twelve year (as it was not registered with the Land Registry 12 years is the required period it would only be 10 if the land was registered), then to make another application.

Fencing was erected in April 2018. Regular maintenance of the land is carried out to, with plans to add planting to the area once the weeds have subsided enough to not take over the area.

Since this point, in 2024 a freedom of information request has confirmed that the military hold no records of ever having owned the land.

The potential future

In successful adverse possession cases, applicants are not usually awarded full, unassailable "Absolute Title" right out of the gate. Instead, the Land Registry typically awards a **Possessory Title**, which can be upgraded to Absolute Title after a specific period if no prior legal owner's object. A possessory title is the initial, standard title granted by the HM Land Registry following a successful adverse possession claim. This is essentially an "entry-level" ownership status. It provides legal protection against most third parties, but remains subject to the rights of the true, "paper" owner who might still come forward with a superior title. After a further 12 years this can usually be upgraded to an absolute title.

What do we need to do now.

With the revised information regarding the ownership of the military Walmer Town Council may now be in a position to put forward the claim for the ownership of the area, however this is not clear. Other considerations we must take are regarding the easement to the rear

from North Barrack Road and the ownership of the wall from Trafalgar Road which may form the access for the public to the newly created public space.

Recommendation – The Clerk recommends that the Amenities and Environment Committee delegate to the Clerk, with Cllr P Ludwig accompanying him, to request legal advice (cost to be provided) from Mr R Atherden on the current position, requirements to move forward, the access, and ownership of the wall.